THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): The Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments, on the basis of specific project proposals received from them, based on their merits, interse priority and availability of funds. The funds sanctioned to Tripura, West Bengal and Kerala during the Eighth Five Year Plan are as follows:

State	*Amount sanctioned*
	(Rs. in lakhs)
1. West Bengal	656.30
2. Kerala	1014.87
3. Tripura	278.56

Measures to boost tourism in N.E. region

1539. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state what are the details of measures taken/contemplated by Government to boost tourism in North-Eastern Region in general and Assam in particular?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): The steps taken to encourage tourism in the North Eastern region include emphasis on Infrastructure and Human Resource Development and wide publicity of tourist attractions of the region. The Task Force of the Department of Tourism has prepared a report for the Development of the region through Tourism in the North Eastern States. The Department of Tourism has also identified Guwahati-Kaziranga-Shillong-Tawang as a travel circuit for intensive and integrated development.

For the development of tourism in Assam the Department of Tourism inconsultation with the State Government has idenfitied 11 projects estimated at Rs. 219 lakhs for Central financial assistance during 1997-98.

Increase in Non-Plan Expenditure of ITDC

1540. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-plan expenditure in ITDC Units/Divisions has been increasing during the last three years on accounts of entertainment expenses, foreign tours, consumption of petrol, telephones to unentitled staff, frequent renovations of officers' flats staff cars, overtime, conveyance etc.;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of non-plan expenditure to net profits during the last three years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by ITDC management to control the same and give the target for curtailment of expenses during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) No Sir. The percentage of non-plan expenditure (operating expenditure) to the turnover and net profit shows declining trend. The comparative details for last three years are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (prov.)
Total non-plan expenditure	193.09	226.40	232.56
Turnover	235.93	298.05	314.54
% age of non-plan expenditure to turnover	81.84	75.96	73.94
Net Profit	43.17	71.65	74.34
%age of non-plan expenditure to net profit	447.28%		, 312.83%

(c) The measures taken/being taken by ITDC to control non-plan (operating) expenditure include regular monitoring/ review by way of budgetary control, management information system,

computerisation, observance of economy in various operational areas etc. No specific target for curtailment of expenses can be fixed as such. However ITDC's endeavour is to restrict the operating expenditure to the extent possible during 1997-98.

Transfer Policy in ITDC

1541. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC have formulated Transfer Policy in consonance With Vigilance Manual for its staff and executives working in sensitive areas of public and financial dealings so as to check growing menance of inefficiency and corruption at hotel booking counters, duty free shops counters, travel & tours counters, purchase, personnel and administration etc.;

(b) if so, names and designations of such staff and executives who have not been transferred from their respective place of positings in sensitive areas of public dealings for more than 3 years as on 30th June, 1997; and

(c) the details of officials transferred frequently in non-sensitive areas with reasons and justifications in each case mentioned at (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The guidelines for transfer and postings of executives formulated by ITDC are in consonance with the provisions of the Vigilance Manual and these guidelines provide that those who have completed 3 years in their present place of posting within the same station or outstation will be liable for transfer on completion of 3 years of posting. However, keeping in view the operational requirements and administrative exigencies certain executives and staff have not been transferred/shifted for more than three years as per details attached in the statement. *{See below)*

(c) There is no official transferred frequently from sensitive to non-sensitive areas during the last three years.

Statement

List of Executives and Staff who have not been transferred/shifted for more than three years

Name	Designation	Place of Posting	
	Duty free Trade Division		
A.	*Executives*		
1.	Shri Gokul De	Manager	Ashok Hotel
2.	Shri Rajiv Parasher	Asstt. Manager	Hq. New Delhi
3.	Shri J. Rebello	Asstt. Manager	Goa Airport
4.	Shri R.M. Wadekar	Asstt. Manager	Bombay Airport
	Materials, Management & L	*development Division*	
A.	*Executives*		
1.	Shri N.L. Mehndiratta	Gen. Manager	HQ, New Delhi
2.	Shri DSR Anjaneyallu	Dy. Gen. Manage]	Samrat Hotel
3.	Shri Puttu Lai	Sr. Manager	MM&D HQ, New Delhi
4.	Shri K. Sivdasan	Sr. Manager	Hotel Ashok, Bangalore
5.	Shri Anil Kumar	Asstt. Manager	Ranjit Hotel
6.	Shri D.C. Ahluwalia	Asstt. Manager	Ashok Hotel
7.	Shri M.K. Vig	Asstt. Manager	HQ, New Delhi